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# News Release

## **Madison man pleads guilty to child pornography charges**

MADISON, Wis. — A 59-year-old Madison man pleaded guilty yesterday to distributing child pornography, which resulted from an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Stephen Wainwright, of the 3500 block of Richard St., Madison, pleaded guilty May 10 in U.S. District Court in Madison to distributing child pornography.

ICE agents and officers from the Madison Police Department executed a search warrant at Wainwright's residence Oct. 23. A subsequent forensic analysis of Wainwright's computer revealed that he distributed child pornography over the internet in May 2004.

“We will use all the resources at our disposal to identify, investigate and prosecute those individuals who attempt to sexually prey on innocent children,” said Brian Falvey, resident agent-in-charge of the ICE office in Milwaukee.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled Wainwright’s sentencing for July 19. He faces a mandatory minimum 15 years in prison with a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and lifetime supervised release. Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell, Western District of Wisconsin, is prosecuting this case.

The investigation into Wainwright’s activities was part of ICE's Operation Predator, an ongoing ICE enforcement initiative to identify, investigate, arrest and, in the case of foreign nationals, deport child sex predators. Since the initiative began in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 7,900 individuals nationwide, including more than 200 in the state of Wisconsin.

ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

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